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## Shrine Club of Southeastern Massachusetts Celebrates Annual Potentate's Night

### Illustrious Potentate Curry and Divan Honored by New Bedford Nobility

SHRINERS of Southeastern Massachusetts honored Aleppo's Illustrious Potentate, James J. Curry, at the Wamsutta Club, New Bedford, Mass., on Thursday evening, March 30. The event will be remembered as most outstanding by those who gathered according to annual tradition, and who were royally feted. A most significant feature of the happy evening was the presence of Harrison Hyslop, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Massachusetts and Rhode Island; Norman K. Wiggin, First Lieutenant Commander of the Massachusetts Consistory and Donald E. Spears, Illustrious Potentate of Palestine Temple.

The stately Wamsutta Club, with its charm of old New England character was given fully to the pleasure of the Nobles on this occasion.

Guests of the Club were received at the Masonic Temple prior to the party and escorted to the Club where they were entertained by a Reception Committee of which Elton S. Wilde was Chairman. Walter I. Brown, Past President Dr. Frank Birtwistle and President William Stitt aided in making the welcome cordial as desired by the Club. A general reception and assembly was handled in a most hospitable way as the large crowd gathered after six o'clock. Andrew P. Lonergan, Vice President of the Club, cared for the assignment in charge of the Greeters.

Promptly at 6:45 P. M. the caravan of Nobles marched into the banquet hall. President William Stitt assumed charge of the program and with dispatch conducted the ceremonies.

Noble Dexter B. Goodwin served as chaplain while Noble Walter C. Hutchings led the assembly in the Shriner's oath of allegiance.

Following a splendid dinner with an individual club steak the prominent part of a perfectly served menu, President Stitt proceeded to the introduction of the many guests of the evening.

The following members of Aleppo's Divan were recognized and received with hearty applause by the gathering: Arthur A. Sondheim, High Priest and Prophet; Lionel G. H. Palmer, Oriental Guide; Frank W. Morrill, Treasurer; Harvey B. Leggee, Assistant Recorder; N. Russell Lynn and Louis Aronson, the Potentate's Aides.

Frank A. North, Past Potentate of Aleppo, and Clarence M. Dunbar of Providence, Past Imperial Potentate of the Shrine, were greeted with sincere tributes from the crowd which filled the hall to capacity.

Harrison Hyslop, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island was presented by Norman Renne, a Vice President of the Club. Commander Hyslop greeted those present, expressing his approval and friendship for those of the Shrine Club and wishing continued life and success for the organization.

Noble Horace L. Humphrey introduced First Lieutenant Commander Norman K. Wiggin. The latter expressed the regrets of Commander-in-Chief Theodore R. Lockwood of the Massachusetts Consistory and offered the felicitations of the body, congratulating the Shrine Club for its potency and thanking all for the opportunity of joining in the event.

Noble Paul G. Covill addressed the audience in respect to Potentate Donald A. Spears, who in turn bestowed upon the Shrine Club his appreciation and high regard.

President Stitt spoke of the energy and accomplishment of Potentate Curry and as he called upon Aleppo's Chief, the entire crowd rose and tendered a hearty salute.

Potentate Curry thanked everyone for the kindness and attention which has been shown. He mentioned the program of the Temple and the great organization, the Shrine, with an emphasis upon the practical work devoted to crippled children everywhere. He stated that, without doubt, the Shrine today was the peer of fraternal groups in America, understood by all Nobles and appreciated by the entire citizenry of the United States.

At the conclusion of his message, Noble Fred W. Steele most expressively thanked the Potentate and delivered a box of Wamsutta products, the finest of New Bedford's textile's manufacture. The gift was a token of the Club in recognition of his visit.

Noble Stephen H. Taylor eloquently offered a motion to grant an honorary membership to Potentate Curry. A great ovation accompanied the unanimous vote in favor. Potentate Curry responded with words which well expressed his deep appreciation, accepting the gift and membership with sincerity.

A very excellent entertainment was presented which held the attention of the gathering to the end. Noble "Billy" House of picture and radio renown and a member of Jerusalem Temple of New Orleans, La., participated in the program and also "Tim" of the radio team "Tim and Irene." The arrangement was under the direction of Noble Arthur L. Marcoux, Chairman, with James A. Thompson and Walter Geary serving efficiently on the Committee.



### THE PURPOSE AND INTENT OF OUR ORDER

THE Shrine is an organization of average men in whom good predominates, men who have passed the ballot of the prerequisite degrees of Freemasonry and are bound together in their respective Temples in a true bond of fraternity; men who spend a few evenings each year in clean wholesome fun and merriment which brings them closer together in good fellowship and harmony, and develops a spirit to be of better service to humanity and to spread the sunshine of happiness, optimism and good cheer to every Noble in this great fraternity.

A Shrine pin placed on the lapel of a man's coat places him in a position where several hundred thousand of the highest type of gentlemen on the North American continent will trust him, will take his word as his bond, will assist him when necessary, will follow his lead in enterprise where square dealing, honesty and integrity are required.

There is a practical side to the Shrine which cannot be ignored; a man with a Shrine card will find his path much easier in strange cities, and will obtain aid and assistance under circumstances when otherwise it might be impossible. Membership in such an organization must awaken a spirit of appreciation in every true Shriner. For this reason we should occasionally take stock of ourselves and endeavor to find if we have discharged our obligation to such an Order; for, being a Shriner cannot be a one-sided affair. Every member of a Temple should ask himself whether or not he has done those things which are a Shriner's duty.

Do you extend the glad hand of good fellowship with a cheery "Hello, Noble," whenever and wherever you meet him?

Have you invited some worthy brother into the Shrine?

Have you made somebody's burden lighter by a sympathetic word or deed?

All of these are small things, but they should enter into every true Noble's conception of his mutual obligations to ever be on the alert for opportunities for helpful service to his fellow Nobles, for such is the common duty of all mankind.

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**NEXT SHRINE LUNCHEON**

**C**HAIRMAN LIONEL G. H. PALMER of the Shrine Luncheon Committee advises us that he has a tentative agreement from a nationally known official, who is very anxious, if possible, to be the guest speaker at the Shrine luncheon to be held on the fourth Tuesday of April.

If the chairman is able to complete the arrangements he feels sure that the popularity of this speaker, who is a Noble, will assist in bringing out such a large number of Shriners and guests that it will be necessary to hold the luncheon in some other location, as the present quarters would not be large enough to accommodate the crowd anticipated.

Therefore, watch for the luncheon post card announcement which will be mailed a week before the luncheon and will give details regarding the time and place as well as the identity of the speaker. Any Noble who is not on the luncheon mailing list may receive the post card announcements by addressing the Secretary, 97 Huntington Avenue, Boston, Massachusetts.

**BOSTON COMMANDERY TO HOLD ANNUAL ASCENSION DAY SERVICES**

**B**OSTON COMMANDERY, K.T., has set Sunday afternoon, May 14, as the date for their annual Ascension Day services at Trinity Church. The Commandery will march from Masonic Temple to the church under the leadership of its popular Commander, Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr., who is the present Chief Rabban of Aleppo. The line of march will be appropriately headed by the Aleppo Band.

The second platoon of the Aleppo Patrol of which Commander Wilson is a former member, is well represented in Boston Commandery. Generalissimo Loren Lewis and Captain General Walter Duncan are at present members of the third platoon of Aleppo Patrol. Also in the line of march we expect to see three out of the last four of Aleppo's Potentates—Curry, McKenzie and North who are members of Boston Commandery as is also Past Potentate Roy Faye.

Following the services at the church the Commandery will adjourn to the Copley-Plaza Hotel for refreshments.

**SCOTTISH RITE MASONRY**

**T**HE marvelous team-work of many fine fellows is building a great class in numbers and quality who will receive the Thirty-second Degree in the body of the Supreme Council of the Thirty-third Degree in Boston in September.

We are glad to announce that the opportunity to file petitions and take the degrees in the various bodies preparing Scottish Rite Masons for the Consistory has been extended. Arrangements are being made for special meetings so that all candidates may be worked in full in advance.

It is hoped that all Masons will recognize this unique opportunity to participate in a memorable class and occasion. If you know someone desiring to join, put him in touch with Frank B. Lawler, Secretary, 204 Masonic Temple, Boston.



**PRETTY WELL VOUCHEO FOR**

Good fellowship is the very essence of Shriners, and the more we practice it, the better the Shrine will be. Make it a rule never to pass a Shrine emblem without a smiling recognition, and you'll soon find the button has a value way beyond the price you paid for it. The badge of a Shriner frequently brings the acquaintance of some fellow traveler and breaks the monotony of a railway trip; even those who cannot show a similar badge seem to feel a Shriner is worth cultivating. So between your card and your button you are pretty well vouched for. Always be ready to smile and greet the other fellow if you want greetings to come your way.



**"SPRING FEVER"**

By VERNON E. BABCOCK

(Special permission to Ararat Shrine News)

Oh, it's great to be a-living,

When old spring-time rolls around;  
When the ice has left the rivers,  
And the farmer's plowing ground.  
Then the air is like a tonic,  
And it soothes your tired soul;  
Just to try your luck a-fishing,  
With an old bent hickory pole.

Oh, it's great to be a-living,

When old spring-time rolls around;  
When the trees have started budding,  
And the birds are north-ward bound.  
When you know the fish are biting,  
Then you're longing just to stroll  
Down and try your luck at angling  
With an old bent hickory pole.

Oh, it's great to be a-living,

In the spring-time of the year;  
For you get that old spring fever  
When the fishing days are here.  
And you like to be a-sitting  
At a good old fishing hole,  
For you can hang your cares and worries  
On that old bent hickory pole.

**NOBLE WEARS 50 YEAR MEDAL**

**N**OBLE GEORGE E. COOLEY of New Bedford paid us a visit recently at headquarters accompanied by Mrs. Cooley. Noble George obtained his 1939 card and asked us to change his address to New Port Richey, Florida.

During the conversation, Mrs. Cooley asked him to show us the new button he was wearing. He unbuttoned his coat and revealed a beautiful gold 50 year service button with a diamond set in the center.

After some questioning Noble Cooley told us that he had been a conductor for the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad for fifty years, running between New Bedford and Boston. He said it was a long time to look forward to but it was a short time to look back over, and he wished it was just starting.

Noble Cooley is going to live in Port Richey, Florida, where he owns a home at which he has spent many pleasant winter vacations. We hope he enjoys another fifty years in retirement at his Florida retreat.

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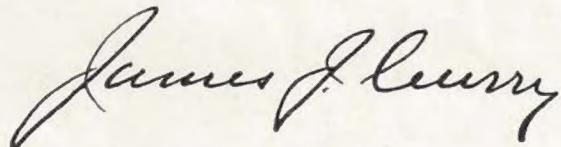
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## NEEDS THE HELP OF EVERY NOBLE • •

• • **DO ALL OF US REALIZE**

the seriousness of the situation that faces our beloved Shrine? Is every Noble conscious of the fact that conditions during recent years have caused a falling membership that already gives us concern? What can we do about it?

- Let's everyone of us make it our business to bring in a new member . . . or an old member whose former circumstances forced him to leave us. Just think what this will mean!
- Every officer in the Divan will be eternally grateful for your loyal help.
- Our next ceremonial will be May 19. Let's rally to Aleppo's support!



*Potentate.*



## "YOU'RE A SWEET LITTLE HEADACHE"

THE other morning we heard the above refrain three times over neighbors' radios in the course of fifteen minutes, and we could not help thinking how aptly this applied to the Band column at times. It is a "sweet little headache" some months.

Last month we referred to Baltimore in a snow squall and "Brunswick stew" and soon after the News came out we received a communication from Noble Cliff Bragdon, when we arrived home after a day of toil, in which he stated that the article about Brunswick stew was interesting but that our geography was punk; and called our attention to the fact that it was Richmond, Va., in 1928, that we ran into that snow squall and Brunswick stew. Was our face red! But he added a "snapper" at the end as follows: "But after a night out of Boston as we used to enjoy, you can be excused for being twisted in your morning location." Now what did he mean by that dirty dig? It would not have been so bad had Cliff enclosed his epistle in an envelope, but he wrote it on a postal card so that all who cared to, might read. Our better half read that darned card, and was some curious to know what he meant by "After a night out of Boston, etc." We are still trying to explain.

Noble George Buckingham (whom we erroneously called Buckminster in a previous article) sends us in a screed which he dares us to print. Incidentally he wants to be called just plain "Buck." We might stand upon our constitutional rights and wield a mean "blue pencil" but you know who "rush in where angels fear to tread," and "we're no angel." So we print his contribution "as is" let the chips fall where they may. Here's what Buck says: "We sometimes wonder why C.C.F. takes a slam at the brass and percussion departments of Aleppo band. Has it reached a point where a fellow can't take off a few weeks and sneak away to some sunny clime on perfectly legitimate business without being slammed for it? While the writer admits that the moonlight nights were sublime and the señoritas intriguing, still every business day was devoted to business, but after all one must relax a bit, especially when he is down near the equator —so what the heck! I don't see Mr. C.C.F. taking a slam at President Roosevelt because he finds it necessary for duties of state to take him into the Caribbean and I ask this learned gentleman how he expects us to be good neighbors and build good will among two nations if we don't visit back and forth and fraternalize occasionally. As far as Kimmie the Great American Traveler is concerned he has been around enough and is big enough to take care of himself but we have our doubts about Ed Whitten, because it certainly is so darn hot in the tropics that one doesn't buy a furnace or a boiler. Anyway, I hope

that Kimmie and Ed Whitten had as pleasant a time as did the writer, and may we say to C.C.F. that our name is not Buckminster—it's just plain Buck—leave off the sanctimonious part of it."

Well, that is some alibi, Buck, and we're glad you got it off your chest; but we still have a feeling that some day someone will in a moment of forgetfulness tell the truth about these tropical jaunts.

We received a letter recently from Noble "Al" Newcombe, who a few years ago went out to California to start a nut ranch, which at the time struck us as a "nutty" idea. He says that much to his regret all the nuts he brought out to California from the band room faded and died. While this was most discouraging he did not give up but tried out a new kind of nut, which he gathers from the Used Car yards in Santa Monica. He says he gets anywhere from fifty to seventy-five nuts from each discarded auto, and while they vary in size they all seem to grow alike. If it were not for the fact that each nut has to be threaded he could make quite a profit. But to get back to the band room—to quote from Al's letter: "You know Fred Waugh is one of my favorite trumpeters, and I always held the thought he belonged up in front. I feel sorry for Freddie because I don't believe he has a lady friend who can sew his vest buttons back on again; so I am going to mail him a zipper which will prevent a repetition of that popping noise." Al winds up his epistle by asking, that if the band goes to Baltimore, we personally see to it that his horn and uniform are put aboard the train so he can join the boys once more and enjoy another good time with dear old Aleppo. He sent his best wishes to all the boys.

We were sorry to learn of the death of Noble Charles M. White, who passed over the Great Divide on March 3, after a long illness. Noble White was a Life Member of Aleppo, and was one of the first members of the cornet section when the drum corps became a full band. For many years he was a faithful attendant at rehearsals and all functions of the

band, but owing to ill health had been unable to take an active part for the past few years. To his bereaved wife we extend our sincere and heartfelt sympathy.

C.C.F.



## REAL NEED FOR SHRINE

We should never forget that the Shrine is primarily a playground for grown-up boys, a safety valve where one can let off accumulated steam and forget worries and disappointments, a place where fun and broadmindedness go hand in hand and where all are bound together in harmonious fellowship. There is and always will be a real need for the Shrine. It is ours to enjoy its intimate relationships and its sincere friendships which make it the friendliest Order in the world.



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Nobles and guests present at the presentation of check to Dr. Hatt for the Shriners' Hospital at Springfield. Left to right, Emile L. Rousseau, Past Monarch of Aletheia Grotto, M.O.V.P.E.R. Dr. R. Nelson Hatt, chief surgeon of the Shriners' Hospital for Crippled Children at Springfield, Edward A. Hare, president of the Worcester County Shrine Club, and Edward C. Milde, Monarch of Aletheia Grotto, who presented a check for \$1378 to Dr. Hatt.

### ALETHEIA GROTTO PRESENTS CHECK TO SHRINE HOSPITAL

THE Shriners' Hospital for Crippled Children at Springfield was enriched by \$1378 through a gift from Aletheia Grotto, M.O.V.P.E.R., Worcester, at a meeting of the Worcester County Shrine Club in the Hotel Auroa, Worcester, March 20. A delegation from the New Bedford Shrine Club was present to honor Dr. R. Nelson Hatt, chief surgeon of the hospital, and Walter E. Perry, Past Potentate of Melha Temple, an active worker in the interest of the hospital.

The check presented by Monarch Edward C. Milde of the Grotto, to pay for an air-conditioned operating room at the hospital, was part of the proceeds raised at the recent Grotto circus in the Worcester Auditorium.

New Bedford Shrine Club members attending were William Stitt, president, Charles E. Davis, secretary, Dr. Frank Birtwhistle, P. P., Andrew Lonergran, Julius Rusitzky, Fred Cowen, Thomas Butler, Albert B. Cook, John Greenberg, Arthur Marcoux, William Kenworth, treasurer, and J. Urban Wright.

Past Potentate Perry of Melha Temple and Noble Dr. Hatt were made honorary members of the Worcester County Shrine Club by unanimous vote.

Edward A. Hare, president of the Club, introduced the speakers. President Stitt of the New Bedford Club invited members of the Worcester County Shrine Club to attend a reception to the Potentate of Aleppo Temple, James J. Curry, at the club's annual Potentates' Night, at the Wamsutta Club, New Bedford, March 30.

Past Potentate Perry of Melha Temple urged the continued saving of tinfoil, pointing out that the hospital has realized upwards of \$20,000 from its sale.

The motion picture, "An Equal Chance," showing the work among children at the Shriners' Hospitals was shown and created considerable interest among those present, especially those who had not had an opportunity to visit a hospital in person.

### TIN FOIL COLLECTIONS

**I**N addition to the many tin foil collection stations previously listed, we have received letters from the following Nobles who offer their places of business where the foil may be left. The tin foil is not used to make articles as some believe, the expense of manufacturing being too great, but is sold and the proceeds used to assist in the work being done for the unfortunate crippled children.

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Thank you Nobles for your assistance.



### HENRY B. PERKINS CLUB HOLDS ANNUAL MEETING

**O**N March 22, the "Henry B. Perkins" Club, organized in 1928, held its 11th Annual Meeting at the Engineers' Club, with William Spottiswoode, President, presiding.

During the past year the Club, whose membership is made up of the Stewards of Aleppo Temple, has lost from membership the following four Nobles:

Otto A. Brunen, William L. Devitt, William O. Morin, Samuel A. Vanner.

The original membership consisted of two Honorary, nineteen "Old Guard" and four Associate Members. Since its organization there have been ten deaths, leaving the present membership of one Honorary, ten "Old Guard" and four Associates.

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**Officers of St. Paul's R. A. Chapter at visitation "Scotch Night Roundup"  
Tuesday, March 21, 1939.**

**Front row left to right:** George H. Wood, Senior Steward; Ellis Alsen, Junior Steward; Fred C. Mackintosh, Tyler and Master of Wardrobe; Morton D. Dunning, Principal Sojourner; William I. Monroe, Jr., Captain of the Host; Donald H. Whittemore, King; Murray K. Worden, Excellent High Priest; Elmer A. Graves, Scribe; Edward A. Ratthei, Master Third Veil; John J. Mick, Royal Arch Captain; Ernest L. Fuller, Master Second Veil; Paul V. T. Hedden, Master First Veil. **Rear Row:** Herbert F. Sawyer, Master of Properties; Howard A. Flanders, Treasurer; Almon B. Cilley, Secretary; Harold Caverly, Past High Priest.

**ALEPO BOWLING NEWS**

*By VAIL K. HAAK  
Associate Editor*

WELL, just as predicted, John Eaton's team, composed of Larry Bearse, K. A. Juthe, Girard Jones and Harry Gordon, walked off with the coveted championship for the second year running.

J. C. Juthe's team, made up of Jim Greig, Charlie Burland, Arthur Hoyt and Bill Whitley, just nosed out Dick Halliday's team for second prize.

Jerry Jones was tops on the average with almost 112 with Jim Greig runner up with 107.

High single string went to A. W. Robbins with 158 and high 3 string won by Arthur Hoyt with 402. Complete details of standings of the various teams and individual averages of each of the members will be published in next month's magazine.

Since the inauguration of the Aleppo Bowling League all members have been impressed by the bowling spirit shown by one of our older members. He will be found nightly collecting the dues and taking care of the bowling league funds. He always has a smile on his face and a good word for everybody. This Noble, as you have probably guessed by now, is good old Cap Parker, our congenial and excellent treasurer. The rumor is that he would like to resign from his duties as custodian of the treasury, but I don't think the bowlers will let him. So, Cap, prepare your books now for another year.

A flash came into the office just as this column was going to press that Allison Robbins has won The Potentate's Trophy, presented by Potentate James J. Curry, and that Jim Greig has won THE ALEPO MONTHLY News Trophy presented by the Editor, Harvey B. Leggee.

More on this roll-off next month.

**ALEPO NOBLE TYLER OF  
FLORIDA BLUE LODGE**

NOBLE CASH, who has been a member of Aleppo since 1907, wrote us the following letter from Florida:

"Clearwater, Fla.

"Noble Harvey B. Leggee,  
"ALEPO MONTHLY NEWS,  
"Dear Noble Leggee:

"I am a life member of Aleppo Temple and have been living here in Clearwater for fifteen years. I have received the News since it first started in February, 1935, and I read every word of it.

"I am the Tyler of Clearwater Lodge No. 127, F. & A. M. During my four years of holding this office I have met many members of Aleppo, and Shriners from most every state in the Union.

"According to the recent issues of the News there are a number of Aleppo Nobles in St. Petersburg. I met quite a number of them at Egypt Temples, Shrine Day at Tampa, which is a big day each year during the South Florida Fair in February. I never miss that day.

"Yours in the Faith,  
"NOBLE WILLIAM S. CASH."

**ALEPO NOBLES IN FLORIDA**

Noble William R. Brooks, a member of Aleppo since 1906, writes a very interesting letter from Florida as follows:

"St. Petersburg, Fla.

"Dear Noble:

"Have received the ALEPO NEWS here in Florida all right this winter, the March one coming today. Hereafter, please send to my home address at Beverly Farms, Mass.

"Have had a pleasant time here this winter. Have seen the sun every day since December 7, 1938.

"I was at Tampa, Shriners' Day, for the festivities and have visited several Blue Lodges. At all-states' night in St. Petersburg Lodge there were 32 states represented and 269 visitors attended. Pennsylvania was first with 42, New York was second with 38 and Massachusetts was third with 36.

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By NOBLE J. ARTHUR McCOX  
Associate Editor

POTENTATE CURRY'S announcement that the patrol will attend the Imperial Sessions at Baltimore, June 25 to 30, was good news to the members. Perhaps it was anticipated—at least there is a renewed interest shown in the drills. On March 3, the fourth platoon had 100% of its members present, and on March 10 the third platoon had a perfect attendance. The units should be at their best for the next Ceremonial, May 19.

Captain Keough was greatly missed at the drill March 24 and it does not seem as though he can direct the drills for a while, because of an injury. Henry is one of those unsung heroes, a volunteer fireman in Winthrop and has served in that capacity for many years. Last year, he broke three ribs at a fire, and on March 11, this year, he fell and broke two ribs, falling down an icy stairway at one o'clock in the morning; the temperature at 90 and with the smoke so thick that he could not see ahead of him. A bronchial cough for ten days afterwards, prevented the ribs from healing, but he is improving now and has lots of courage. We sincerely hope that he will mend quickly and be with us soon.

Noble Bert Walke of the third platoon, a florist in Salem, took high honors for his exhibits at the annual Flower Show—a first prize, gold medal and cultural certificate for a group of amaryllis.

Our color guard, Nobles George Tufts and Harold Crowell, will carry rifles in the future, and of course, they will always know whether they (the rifles) are loaded or not.

Our medical department apparently prefers the Florida sunshine to our wintry winds: Dr. Stacey has been at Palm Beach the past two months and upon his return to Boston Dr. Salerno departed for the sunny shores of Florida with his family.

Thumbnail sketch of the month . . . Our new commander of the second platoon, Dr. Roger P. Beckman, was born in Gloucester, and when he was a boy it was expected that he would become a minister. He graduated from Mount Hermon School, but entered Tuff's Dental College instead. The church lost a good leader but the dental profession gained a good doctor. "Beck's" beautiful 38-foot cabin cruiser makes him the envy of the boatmen on the North Shore. He has a cottage on Annisquam River. He is a member of William Sutton Lodge,

Henry J. Mills Chapter and Massachusetts Consistory. He joined Aleppo Temple in 1920, became a member of the patrol the same year, and has attended every tour of the units. Mrs. Beckman is a daughter of a Past Master of Oriental Star Lodge No. 21 of Livermore Falls, Maine. About ten years ago, when Mrs. Beckman was Matron of her Chapter of the Eastern Star, the second platoon put on an exhibition drill for the Chapter members and enjoyed one of the best times they ever had on such a trip. Dr. Beckman lives at 46 Essex Street, Cliftondale, and is the school dentist for that town.

#### STEAMER TRIP TO BALTIMORE FOR IMPERIAL COUNCIL SESSION

THERE have been three trips arranged by the Colpitts Tourist Co. to Baltimore for the Shriners' Convention, June 25 to June 29. Noble Clarence Colpitts, who is arranging these trips, states that, from the inquiry, the trip most of the members are interested in is going via steamer. This is arranged to leave Boston on Saturday, June 24, having three nights on the steamer, stopping part of the day at Norfolk, giving members an opportunity to have luncheon at Virginia Beach. They may return by steamer, or by rail, to New York, spend a couple of days there, visiting the World's Fair, and return from New York to Boston either by steamer or rail.

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## SOUTH SHORE NEWS

By NOBLE GEORGE A. RHODES

QUINCY Commandery, K.T., inspection April 24. They have been collecting a number of candidates this year who look like good Shrine prospects.

The big event in the 26th Masonic district is the reception to Most Worshipful Grand Master Joseph Earl Perry and Senior Grand Warden George E. White in Quincy Masonic Temple, April 28. This will be a dinner and entertainment with remarks by the two distinguished guests. Rt. Wor. James S. Collins, District Deputy Grand Master of the district is the instigator of the affair and Wor. Allan R. Milan, Master of Theodore Roosevelt Lodge, is general chairman. All Masters and Wardens are on the committee. Last year there was an attendance of 600.

During Lent the Service clubs—Rotary, Kiwanis and Quintonians, with the Chamber of Commerce, conducted six Wednesday noon meetings in the Strand Theatre in a "Back to Church Movement." At least half the committee were members of Aleppo. The speakers included men of all creeds and the attendance ran to 1,500, which is excellent in this city where some 20,000 go to Boston each day.

Noble William P. Morganstern, Commander of South Shore Commandery, K.T., had over 100 at dinner the night of the inspection including Grand Commander Harrison Hyslop of the Grand Commandery of Mass. and R. I.

Knowing the fraternal situation fairly well it looks as if the smaller orders were on the retreat and the big time ones gaining. This includes the Masonic bodies. The Odd Fellows are holding their own and showing a slight gain. They are a benefit order and do a great amount of good. Attendance in these bodies is better this spring than in some years. This cannot be said to be true of the others with a state-wide membership under 25,000. The women's fraternal orders have one advantage in that they are better off financially. It must be remembered they work and have innumerable parties to raise funds. In three Eastern Star Chapters in Quincy there are some 50 individual groups that will earn \$50 each during the year and this aids their treasury. True of the Rebekahs. Several men's orders that were in a tight spot financially were saved by the women coming to their rescue and putting on some money makers. May be wrong, but I believe the dominating orders will continue in a big way. There will always be smaller fraternal benefit groups that have a field and give many persons activities. Some time it is a question. What would the thousands who are carrying on the lodges do if they did not have them. Possibly become members of some of the "isms" to the injury of the country. This item seems to be running into an editorial spirit.

C. Warren Barry and wife of Braintree are back from their West Indies cruise. He shot several thousand feet of film and is entertaining his friends with the flickering films. A Noble for many years.

Noble Wallie Carson is busy these days engineering the acts for the "Kiwanis Kapers," to be given May 17.